

In the specification:

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following paragraph:

[0036] A clamping tongue 24 is attached or integrally formed and downwardly disposed from the top distal end 22. Defined within the clamping tongue 24 is a generally vertical distal slit 26. In the preferred embodiment, the distal slit 26 is defined medially within and along the length of the clamping tongue 24. The distal slit 26 is appropriately sized/defined with a width which allows the guidewire 2 to fit therein.